

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 29, 2006

PROCLAMATION OF TORCH RUN DAY FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

That the City of Vaughan proclaim June 22, 2006 as Law Enforcement Torch Run Day for the Ontario Special Olympics.

Economic Impact

Nil.

Purpose

To acknowledge June 22, 2006 as Law Enforcement Torch Run Day and to promote this event to raise awareness and funds for the Ontario Special Olympics.

Background - Analysis and Options

Enforcement Services are strong supporters of the Ontario Special Olympics and City of Vaughan By-Law Department staff will be participating in the Toronto Run Day event on June 22, 2006.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Special Olympics provides athletes with an intellectual disability the opportunity to experience and succeed in sport. There are hundreds of Special Olympics' programs throughout the province which provides athletes with the opportunity to train twelve months of the year.

Attachments

Request letter.

Report prepared by:

Respectfully submitted,

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The City Above Toronto

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April 26, 2006.

Dear Mayor Di Biase and Members of Council,

I am employed in the Enforcement Services Department with the City of Vaughan. I was asked by Senior Manager Tony Thompson to organize our staff to join in a very worthy cause called "The Law Enforcement Torch Run to sponsor the Special Olympics". This event is sponsored and supported by the Ontario Board of Chief of Police. All across Ontario, Police Agencies and members of the Law Enforcement Community embrace and support this event by donating money, purchasing shirts for awareness and by having special events to run across the province. All money raised goes to the Special Olympics and help people of intellectual disabilities be active and train to participate in their very own Olympics. I have seen first hand the rewards from this event and am a proud volunteer. Our City has participated each year in the event and as this year marks it's 20th anniversary, it is important that we recognize it's importance. We are participating in two events this year due to it's importance.

Thursday June 22nd, 2006 will mark the event for the torch being in Toronto with Toronto Police Service being the hosts. Each year we become more involved with the selling of Torches for a Toonie, sales of shirts and the support of staff to run in events. Due to the City of Vaughan participating in this event annually, I am requesting for City of Vaughan Council to recognize June 22nd, 2006 as the Official day for Special Olympics across our City and province.

Respectfully yours,

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2006 York Regional Police Torch Run

When: Friday, April 28th
1:30 p.m.

Where: York Regional Police Headquarters
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket

Why: Raise awareness and funds for
Ontario Special Olympics

The "Flame of Hope" will be carried 7 kms southbound
along on Yonge Street to Aurora.
Runners will be carrying donation buckets to raise money
for Special Athletes.

Running Membership forms and t-shirts will be available
on the day of the run.

T-shirts \$20.00

Torches \$2.00

Please come out and support your local special athletes.

For more information, visit www.ontario.torchrun.org or contact
Darlene Fluney at 896@police.york.on.ca